

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SERVICE 1400 KEY BOULEVARD ARLINGTON, VA 22209-5144

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, MAINE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, ATTN: SMSgt. JEFFREY A. GUESMAN HEADQUARTERS, MAINE NATIONAL GUARD CAMP KEYES, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0033

SUBJECT: Agreement extension between The Adjutant General, Maine Army National Guard and the Association of Civilian Technicians, Pine Tree Chapter #79 (Lairs No. 080530)

The subject agreement extension, executed on June 7, 2006, has been reviewed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 7114(c). As agreed to by the parties in Article 30, Section 3.a., the agreement will go into effect minus the following disapproved provision:

a. Article 32, Performance Ratings, sections 7a and 7b:

- "a. Performance expectations will be expressed in terms of quality, quantity, or timeliness."
- "b. When it is not possible to write an exception as in 32.7(a) above, they may be stated in terms of expected results or manner/method of performance."

These two sections of provision 7 require that performance standards established by management include specified characteristics; i.e., expressed in terms of quality, quantity or timeliness, or in terms of expected results or manner/method of performance. As such, this provision directly interferes with management's right under 7106(a)(2)(A) and (B) to direct employees and to assign work. It is therefore, non-negotiable. (See National Treasury Employees Union and Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Baltimore Maryland, 39 FLRA No. 25, provision #2.)

The approval of this agreement does not constitute a waiver of or exception to any existing law, rule, regulation or published policy.

This action is taken under authority delegated by DoD 1400.25-M, Civilian Personnel Manual, Subchapter 711, Labor Management Relations. Please annotate the agreement to indicate: Approved by the Department of Defense on JUN 2 9 2006.

Copies of the approved agreement should be forwarded as follows:

a. Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service (DCPMS) Field Advisory Services Division, Labor Relations Branch, 1400 Key Blvd., Suite B-200, Arlington, Virginia 22209-5144 – two copies and one copy of OPM Form 913-B (attached). Also, please send a copy of the approved agreement on disk (Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or any standard text format) or e-mail us a copy at labor.relations@cpms.osd.mil.

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b. National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-HRL, 1411 Jefferson Davis

Highway, Suite 9100, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3231 - one copy.

If there are any questions concerning the agreement, Dennis Jones can be reached on DSN 426-6301 or commercial (703) 696-6301, extension 417.

A copy of this memo was served on the union by first class mail on JUN 2 9 2006

Darryl Roberts

Deputy Director for Labor and Employee Relations

Attachment:

As stated

cc:

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